(SRI V. R. NAIDU).

(*b*) whether they appointed a Committee to assess the loss sustained by the exhibitors ;

(*c*) if so, what is the nature of the report submitted by that Committee ;

(*d*) the steps taken by them to afford relief to the exhibitors who sustained loss ?

A.—**Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA** (Minister for Home and Industries).—

(*a*) Yes There was an outbreak of fire in the premises of the All-India Industrial and Fine Arts Exhibition, Cubbon Park, Bangalore, on the afternoon of 29th April 1951.

(*b*) A Committee was constituted by Government to examine and report on the causes for the outbreak and rapid spread of fire, the extent of damage caused, whether precautionary measures had been taken against such eventualities, etc.

(*c*) A copy of the report of the Committee is placed on the table of the House. (Placed in the Library of the Legislature, *vide* No. 2/L.A./53.)

(*d*) Nil.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ಆರ್. ನಾಯ್ಡು.—ಆ ಸಮಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಯಾವಾಗ ನೇಮಿಸಿದ್ದು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ಅದು ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಆಜ್ಞೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಾಗಿದೆ. ಸಮಿತಿಯ ವರದಿಯೂ ಸಹ ಸಭೆಯಮುಂದಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ಆರ್. ನಾಯ್ಡು.—ಕಬ್ಬನ್‌ಪಾರ್ಕ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದ ಆ ವಸ್ತುಪ್ರದರ್ಶನದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಟ್ಟು ಎಷ್ಟು ನಷ್ಟ ವಾಯಿತು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ಸುಮಾರು ಆರೇಳು ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳಷ್ಟು.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ಆರ್. ನಾಯ್ಡು.—ಸಮಿತಿಯವರು ವರದಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲವೆ ?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—(ಸಿ) ಭಾಗದ ಉತ್ತರವನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ಆರ್. ನಾಯ್ಡು.—ಬೆಂಕಿ ಬಿದ್ದು ಎಲ್ಲವೂ ಸುಟ್ಟುಹೋದಮೇಲೆ ಫೈರ್ ಎಂಜಿನ್ ಬಂತೆಂದು ಹೇಳು ತ್ತಾರಲ್ಲವೆ ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—The report is quite clear on the point. I invite the Hon'ble Member's attention to the contents of the report.

Hydro electric scheme at Mekedat.

Q.—9 **Sri. S. KARIAPPA** (Virupakshapura).—Will the Government be pleased to state—

the progress made in the direction of taking up the hydro-electric scheme at Mekedatu ?

A.—**Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO** (Minister for Law and Education)—[on behalf of Sri K. Hanumanthaiya (Chief Minister)].—

Detailed survey of the project is completed. The question of taking up this project is yet undecided, as the agreement with the Government of Madras has not yet been finalised.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಕರಿಯಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ಯೋಜನೆಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಹಣ ಮುಟ್ಟಬಹುದೆಂದು ಅಂದಾಜಾಗಿದೆ ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—It has not yet been estimated.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಕರಿಯಪ್ಪ.—ಮದರಾಸು ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೂ ನಮ್ಮ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೂ ಯಾವ ಯಾವ ಅಂಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಒಪ್ಪಂದವಾಗಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—In all aspects of the question, it has got to be considered.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಕರಿಯಪ್ಪ.—ಒಂದೆರಡನ್ನಾದರೂ ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವೆ ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I want notice for furnishing details.

Establishment of the Chief Minister

Q.—150. **Sri K. PUTTASWAMY** (Srirangapatna).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the establishment that the Chief Minister is having in 'Kumara Krupa' and 'Jaladarshani' and the cost of the establishment for one year (information as to the number of clerks, cooks, peons, malis and telephones and such other things may be given) ;

(*b*) the number of cars made use of by the Chief Minister and the cost of their maintenance for one year ?

A.—**Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO** (Minister for Law and Education)

[on behalf of Sri K. Hanumanthaiya (Chief Minister)] —

(*a*) The Personal Establishment of the Chief Minister in the Secretariat works at 'Kumara Krupa' also. Apart from this, the establishment at 'Kumara Krupa' is :—

Clerks ...Nil.
Cook ...One, Grade Rs. 35-1-45
Butler ...One, Grade Rs. 45-1-60
Peons ...Nil.
Malis ...Two, Grade (one) Rs. 20-25.
Grade (one) Rs. 18-22.
Telephones...3211, Ground Floor.
2324, First Floor.
Cost of Establishment—Rs. 1,525 per year.

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Clerks ...Nil.
Cook ...Nil.
Caretaker..One Grade Rs. 30-35.
Daffedar...One ,, Rs. 22-27.
Dalayet ...One ,, Rs. 18-22.
Mali ...One ,, Rs. 18.
Telephone.One, No. 637.
Cost of Establishment—Rs. 1,087 per year.

(*b*) Only one. MY 6800 X was being used till 22nd August 1952. The new Chevrolet Car MY 7015 X is being used from 23rd August 1952. The maintenance chargos on the Dodge Car till 22nd August 1952, is Rs. 354-8-3. The maintenance charges on MY 7015X so far is Rs. 75-7-9. This does not include cost of petrol which is met by the Chief Minister.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Is there any separate establishment for the Chief Minister for utilising the sumptuary allowance ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—That is different from this.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—What is the difference, Sir ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Sumptuary allowance is one which has been granted by this House and the Establishment mentioned in the question comes under the Ministers' Salaries and Allowances Regulation.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—The main question relates to the establishment that the Chief Minister is having. Does it not include the establishment that he may be having for utilising the sumptuary allowance ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—This is the establishment attached to his residence.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Is there any provision made for sweeping these Houses, Sir ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Yes. There are persons for that.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—In the establishment that is given in the answer, no such indication is given. How is it ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—There is a category called 'Malis'.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Are not the Malis meant for gsrdening work, Sir ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Yes. They are used for that work also.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—What is the arrangement for Watch and Ward ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Police.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—How many Policemen are made use of for Watch and Ward ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I want notice.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Are there nine telephones in Kumara Krupa, Sir ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I have noted the number of telephones in the answer.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—I want to know the number of telephones in Kumara Krupa.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The answer is given.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—The answer given is—there are only two telephones. I put it to you that there are nine telephones in Kumara Krupa and six telephones in Jaladarshini (Lake View). Is that not true ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The answers are given. But I shall get them verified.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.— Suppose, Sir, I get the Telephone Directory for your verification with numbers.....

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The Directory is not the final authority in the matter. They may have existed when the Directory was printed and the telephones may not be there now.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Apart from the figures given, what is the cost of the establishment of the Secretariat working at Kumara Krupa?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The Hon'ble Member knows that the Chief Minister has a Private Secretary, a Personal Secretary and a clerk. That is not put on the list. In addition to the list given in the answer, this is the number—number of staff—who are attached to the residence for work.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—I want to know the cost of the Secretariat establishment at Kumara Krupa. The cost of the establishment given in the answer is apart from the cost of the Secretariat working at Kumara Krupa.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I want notice.

Taxing lands and houses belonging to the Maharaja of Mysore.

Q.—155. **Sri K. PUTTASWAMY** (Srirangapatna).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the steps they have so far taken to see that the lands and houses belonging to the Maharaja of Mysore are taxed;

(*b*) whether they have recovered such taxes so far?

A.—**Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO** (Minister for Law and Labour) [on behalf of Sri K. Hanumanthaiya (Chief Minister)]—

(*a*) Orders have been issued rendering the private properties of His Highness the Maharaja liable to taxation except the Palaces at Mysore and Bangalore.

(*b*) This is recoverable by the Departments concerned and the information is being collected.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—When was the order passed? The date?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I shall get that date and let you know.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—When will you take that step?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—As I said, I shall get the date and let you know.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—I want to know what progress Government have made since then?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—It is learnt that a special law is necessary and so a Bill is being brought forward.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—When was that necessity felt?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—After examining the question.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—What time did the Government take to examine that question?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—From February 1951.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—From February 1951 to what date?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—To the date the Bill will be introduced?

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Did it take two years for this question to be examined?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Unfortunately this has taken that period.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—What is the legal provision that was necessary for levying taxes on lands of His Highness the Maharaja?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—There was an agreement between the Mysore Government, the Government of India and His Highness, and, in pursuance of that, steps are being taken.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—What was the date.....?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Anyhow the Bill will be placed before the House.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—The Bill relates only to the properties in the municipal limits. I want to know what steps the Government have taken to levy taxes on lands?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—That is also being examined.